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FROM UNDER SECRETARY ROGERS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ENRG
SUBJECT: MEETING WITH FRG ON OPEC

1. SUMMARY. GREENSPAN AND I MET WITH AMBASSADOR ROBERT,
WHO HAD BEEN DESIGNATED BY BONN TO HEAR ABOUT OUR EFFORTS
ON THE OPEC PRICE INCREASE.

2. WE EXPLAINED OUR VIEW OF THE IMPACT OF A PRICE
INCREASE ON THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM, AND
PARTICULARLY ON THE WEAKER DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING

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NATIONS AND SET BEFORE HIM WHAT WE HAD DONE BY WAY OF

PRIVATE TALKS WITH THE OPEC MEMBERS, THE OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND THE LDCS.

3. ROBERT SAID THAT FRG WAS AT ONE WITH US IN PREDICTING DIRE CONSEQUENCES. SCHMIDT DID NOT FEEL OTHERWISE, AND HAD BEEN MISREPORTED LAST WEEK BY THE PRESS. IN ALL EVENTS, HE THOUGHT THAT FRG WOULD WANT TO DO SOMETHING PARALLEL TO OUR OWN EFFORTS TO INCREASE THE INCENTIVES TO MODERATION. THE PROCESS OF CONSULTATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES SHOULD CONTINUE IN THE WEEKS REMAINING BEFORE THE OPEC MEETING. WE WOULD DOUBTLESS HEAR SOMETHING FROM THE GERMAN EMBASSY NEXT WEEK BY WAY OF FOLLOW THROUGH.

4. ROBERT ALSO TOUCHED ON CIEC, WHERE HE LEADS THE FRG DELEGATION. POSTPONEMENT IS IN THE AIR, HE SAID, AND HE HAD NO DOUBT IT WOULD BE AGREED TO IN THE TALKS WHICH THE TWO CO-CHAIRMEN WILL CARRY OUT BEGINNING WEDNESDAY. HE SOMEWHAT REGRETTED THIS, THOUGH, FOR HE THOUGHT IF THE PARTIES HAD BEEN COMPELLED TO A FORCED MARCH TOWARD A DECEMBER MINISTERIAL THEY WOULD HAVE COMPROMISED THE OUTSTANDING ISSUES, DEBT AND ALL. I DID NOT EMBRACE THIS PROPHECY.

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